

Town of Maynard
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
Wednesday, November 12, 2008– Room 101, Town Hall

Chair Doug Moore called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Members present: Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, clerk; Mike Chambers;

Dave Hull, Vice Chair; Rick Lefferts, Treasurer; Bob Moore; Doug Moore, Chair

Members absent: Peg Brown; Robert Horn

There is currently no representative from the Planning Board

Also in attendance: No additional persons were present.

MINUTES from the 10/22/2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

• **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COALITION CONFERENCE**

•• Bob Moore attended the session for new CPC members. One of the items discussed was how to frame warrant articles to assure some control/oversight by the CPC. It is important to request and monitor the CP-1 and CP-2 to be sure that the monies are allocated correctly and that any unspent funds are RETURNED to their proper account. Rick will request these forms from Ken Demars and report at the next meeting.

There is a major effort being made to get legislation passed which will guarantee a minimum of 75% match and also change the allowed uses of funds in the recreation area. Stuart Saginor urged CPC's to publicize CPA projects both on the local level and also with our state reps and senators to keep them aware of legislative issues.

•• Jane Audrey-Neuhauser attended a session dedicated to Community Housing. It highlighted projects in Westford and ideas for leveraging CPA funds to get additional financing. She passed along to Rick Lefferts the booklet that was distributed.

The general discussion session also talked about ways to promote CPA projects and wording of warrant articles. Follow-up with Stuart Saginor indicated the importance of having town departments, and NOT community groups, be the filers of CPA applications. He also emphasized the importance of communication and getting various groups to work together.

•• Doug Moore reported on a discussion with a representative from the DOR about the importance of getting the CP-1 and CP-2 forms to keep track of expenditures.

It is important to have proponents add some funds in the budget for contingency, planning, etc.

It is also important to lobby for HR4820 once the new legislative session begins. Bob suggested that we ask town boards to pass a resolution in support of the legislation and send these to our legislators.

• **STATUS OF EXISTING PROJECTS—**

Coolidge School Study – A final invoice was received from the School Department. Dr. Masterson reported that a draft final report has been received. Rick Lefferts will request that the CPC receive a copy of the final report or at least an executive summary.

Irrigation at Crowe Park – Attempts are being made to repair some of the errors at Crowe Park. The town will withhold some of the money for the project until the spring to see how things have survived the winter.

Irrigation at Alumni Field – Apparently, the work at Alumni Field is going better mainly because during installation there was someone on site making sure that the work was being done more properly.

Veteran's Memorial – It appears that, as yet, no work has been done on the repairs.

- NEW PROPOSALS –

Final applications for funding were distributed. There was a total of nine final applications received. Members were asked to review the proposals on their own for action at the next meeting.

- MA Supreme Court decision on Park Improvements – The recent SC decision makes it clear that improvements on recreational land not purchased with CPA Funds is not allowed but PRESERVATION, in the strict sense, is.

The following TIMELINE of meetings was proposed:

Prior to Dec. 10 -- each CPC member carefully reviews ALL of the final proposals

Dec. 10 – CPC discusses each proposal and raises questions and further need for clarification. Also develops schedule for inviting proponents to meetings.

Liaisons will be assigned to each proposal so that questions can be relayed to proponents.

A decision about another December will be made at that time.

Jan. 14 – Four or five proposals will be given final review with the proponents

Jan. 28 – Four or five proposals will be given final review with the proponents

Feb. 11 – Probable final vote – It was pointed out that this date for a final approval vote would still give the CPC time to meet Town Warrant deadlines.

- CPC Open Hearing – Dec. 10, 2008

After the Open Hearing, the CPC will continue with the agenda listed above.

Doug will take care of the proper postings for the Open Hearing.

- FINANCIAL ISSUES –

A final invoice was received from the School Department. Rick Lefferts will submit the form for payment.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, Clerk

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 Rm. 101 Town Hall. – OPEN HEARING

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 Rm. 101 Town Hall.